

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes of May 8, 2006**

- I. **ROLL CALL:** Chair Donald Wallace, Selectmen Melvin Adams, Michael Demasi, Kenneth Johnson, and Roger LeClair. Also present were Manager Nanci Allard, Clerk Samantha Baraw, Warren Hagy, Sally Davidson (Skateboard Park), Nelson Hoffman (Skateboard Park), Simon Hoffman (Skateboard park), Phyllis Murphy (Listers), Charlene Lathrop (Listers), Ann Turner (Winter Street Parking), Shirley Melville (Shaw Circle parking), Debra Wick (Winter Street parking), Nancy Lavarney (Winter Street parking), Gerard Lavarney (Winter Street parking), Bizhan Yahyazadeh (Norwich University), John Knox, and Beverly Knox.

Chair Wallace called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. **April 24, 2006 (Regular Meeting.** Motion by Selectman LeClair, seconded by Selectman Johnson, to approve the minutes. **Motion passed 4-0-1, with Selectman Demasi abstaining.**

III. **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

- a. **Warrant #22-06,** Motion by Selectman Demasi, seconded by Selectman Adams, to approve Warrant #22-06 in the amount of \$33,001.87. There was one question: as a result of the items purchased for the new police cruiser, the cruiser is now in operation. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**
- b. **Warrant #22-06A,** Motion by Selectman Adams, seconded by Selectman LeClair, to approve Warrant #22-06A in the amount of \$2,146.51. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

IV. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- a. **Sally Davidson: Northfield Skateboard Park.** Ms. Davidson has decided to form a Skateboard Park Committee that will be comprised of community members. Repairs have already been started and they hope to get a work party together on the weekend of June 3 and 4, 2006. The American Legion is expected to step up for funds; however, Ms. Davidson is afraid that manpower will be short-handed. All volunteers are welcome! Simon Hoffman and Greg Ward wanted to share with the Board their love of the skateboard park.

V. **MANAGER'S REPORT**

- a. **Authorization to Purchase IAAO Publications (Listers).** There was a request from the Lister Board to purchase some books for training. This is coming out of State training money. The Listers do not have the budgetary authority to purchase these items without the approval of the Selectboard Chair. Motion by Selectman Demasi, seconded by Selectman Johnson, to authorize the Chair to sign the purchase order. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**
- b. **2006 Grand List update (Listers).** At this point, there are about 100 more building permits. Some require appointments to get in the building to see the work permitted for. There are some new forms from the State that need to be completed for some homes. The Grand List is supposed to be lodged by June 24, 2006. If the Listers cannot get into some homes, this will delay the process. There will be an appeal process but this will be formally available after the Grand List is lodged.
- c. **Northfield Center Parking Issues.** Gerard Lavarney stated there is a safety concern by having parking allowed on both sides of Winter Street. There was a community meeting of the residents of Winter Street and Shaw Circle. The group produced an Action Plan and submitted this to the Selectboard. Chair Wallace expects that the parking problem will migrate from Winter Street and Shaw Circle to Stagecoach and Alpine. Selectman Adams would like to see the ordinances to not list specific streets, but rather a general statement that any streets that are less than twenty feet (20') wide.

Selectman Demasi does not agree with shutting down parking on all streets but would rather see parking on one side. Mrs. Lavarney stated that Chief Shaw did research and created diagrams that showed that parking on one side of those streets would cause more hazards. Bizhan Yahyazadeh (Norwich University) stated that Norwich University is supportive of the community and will do whatever is in their power to assist in this problem. Motion by Selectman Adams, seconded by Selectman Demasi, to authorize the Town Manager to generate an ordinance with these conditions on Winter Street and Shaw Circle, but to include Stagecoach and Alpine to limit the parking on both sides for all four roads, as proposed by the Winter Street and Shaw Circle Coalition. **Motion passed 4-1-0, with Selectman Demasi voting in opposition.**

- d. **Status Reports: Various Projects.** There was nothing additional.

VI. SELECTBOARD

- a. **Executive Summary: AOT Annual Town Highway Financial Plan.** Motion by Selectman Adams, seconded by Selectman LeClair, to approve and sign the Plan. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

- b. **Status Reports: Various Projects**

1. **Merger Committee.** The Committee met on May 1, 2006. They are working on filling out the committee with public members. They agreed to move forward on the recommendation from the Town Meeting to work with the Village on possible merger. The committee will consist of eight (8) people: two Town Selectmen, two Village Trustees, two Village residents, and two Town residents. They agreed that, despite the recommendation of timeframe, the committee would expect to make a report within eighteen (18) months.
2. **Recreation Board.** Selectman Johnson stated that we're still looking for volunteers to serve on the Board.
3. **Green Up Day.** There was another successful Green Up Day! Special thanks to Brad and Nate Denny for their time unloading the trucks at the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District.
4. **Northfield Municipal Website.** The new website is up; the address is www.northfield-vt.gov. All meeting agendas and regular meeting will be posted.
5. **Public hearing: Proposed Work Camp Facility.** This public hearing will take place on Wednesday, May 24 2006, at 7:00 p.m. in the Brown Public Library's Community Room.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Non-agenda items: None.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Selectman Demasi, seconded by Selectman Adams, to adjourn. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Samantha H. Baraw

Samantha H. Baraw, Clerk

These minutes are subject to approval at the next scheduled meeting.